

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~LA-0007~~ CH-934
Address: 6605 (Stable with modern house) Valley Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata
Owner: Robinett, John D
Tax Parcel Number: 195 Tax Map Number: 32
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒
Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None
Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____
Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files


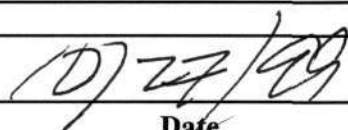
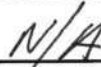
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The stable located at 6605 Valley Road is one-and-one-half stories in height. It has a front gable roof with a side shed roof extension. The barn is clad with vertical wood siding. The structure is still functioning as a barn and is in good condition.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The

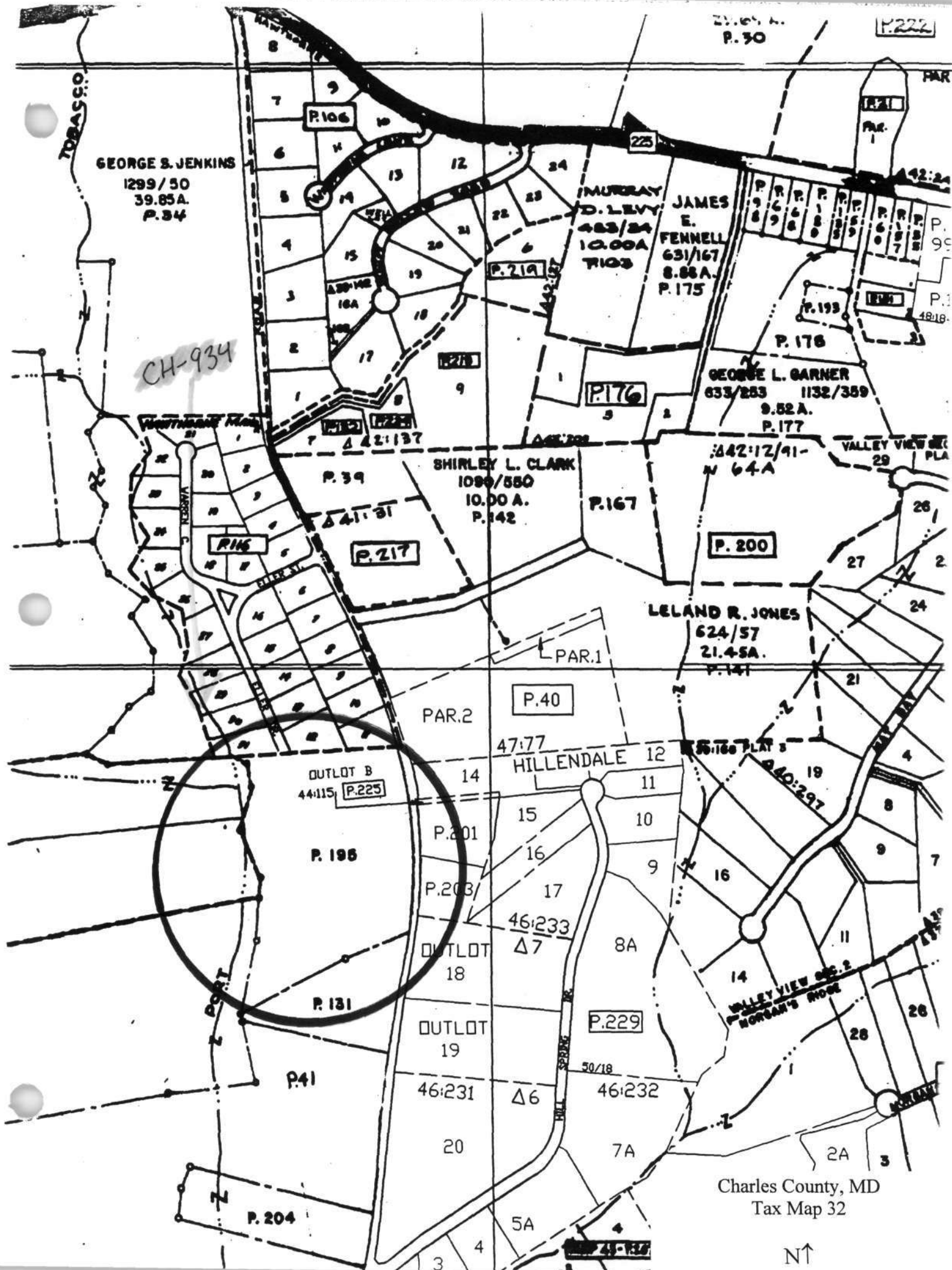
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greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

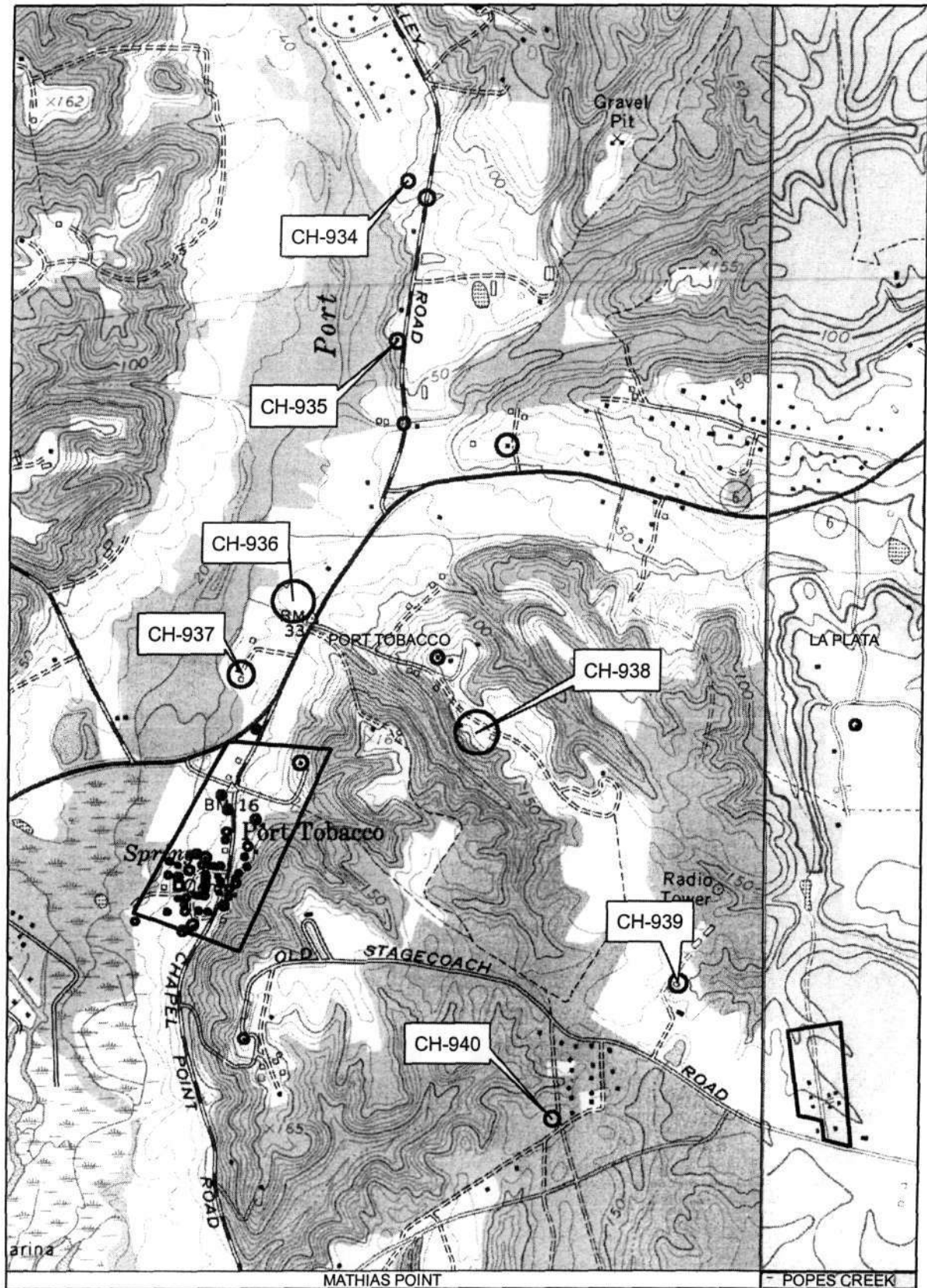
Built circa 1920, this barn is not eligible for the National Register. While it is a typical example of the agricultural development surrounding La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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Tax Map 32

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